

Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center

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Formerly Defense and Veterans Head Injury Program (DVHIP)

OUR MISSION

The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center's mission is to serve active duty military, their dependents and veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI) through state-of-the-art medical care, innovative clinical research initiatives, and educational programs.

WHO WE ARE

Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC) is

- ◆ A multi-site medical care, clinical research and education center
- ◆ A unique collaboration of the Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system and a civilian partner
- ◆ Funded through the Department of Defense

WHAT WE DO

- ◆ Develop and provide state-of-the-art TBI-specific evaluation, treatment and follow-up care for all military personnel, their dependents and veterans with brain injury
- ◆ Conduct research that defines optimal care and treatment for individuals with TBI
- ◆ Develop and deliver effective educational materials for prevention, treatment of TBI and management of its long-term effects

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Traumatic Brain Injury Affects Every American

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The Risks and Costs Are Shared

What is a traumatic brain injury?*

A blow or jolt to the head can result in a traumatic brain injury (TBI), which can disrupt the normal function of the brain. The severity of the injury may range from mild, a brief change in mental status or consciousness, to severe, an extended period of unconsciousness, prolonged amnesia after the injury, or a penetrating skull injury. Any TBI can result in short- and long-term disabilities (CDC unpublished).

What are the risks and costs of TBI?

FOR ALL AMERICANS *

- ◆ Each year an estimated 1.5 million people sustain a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). This is eight times the number of people diagnosed with breast cancer and 34 times the number of new cases of HIV/AIDS
- ◆ 5.3 million Americans are living today with a TBI-related disability (a little over two percent of the U.S. population)
- ◆ 15—24 year olds have the highest rates of TBI; people under five and over 75 years of age are also at high risk
- ◆ In 1995 in the United States, the direct and indirect costs of TBI totaled an estimated \$56.3 billion

*Above facts from National Center for Injury Prevention and Control www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/tbi/htm August 2003

FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS**

- ◆ In times of combat, TBI accounts for at least 14-20% of surviving casualties
- ◆ In peacetime, over 7,000 Americans with TBI are admitted to military and veterans hospitals each year
- ◆ On today's battlefield, TBI is one of the most frequent causes of death and disability

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